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**विषय/ Sub:-** Material for inclusion in the report on the significant events of the Ministry for the month of **June 2014** – reg.

The important events/discussions/decisions pertaining to Coir Board for the month of **June 2014** are furnished below.

## **I. S&T ACTIVITIES**

- Transferred the technology of coir polyester composites to Coir City Consortium, Pollachi.
- One day training on the production of coir moulded composites from poly ester resin and coir bit fibres/ coir pith for 3 persons from Coir city Consortium Pollachi was conducted on 16.07.14 at CCRI. Produced 5 big ganesh statues, 1 leaf with flute and 1 nilavilakku. Explained and demonstrated all the steps in the production of coir moulded composites from both coir bit fibres and coir pith.
- SA(Microbiology) & ESO have deputed to participate in Agri Intex 2014, International exhibition on Agriculture held at Codissia Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore during the period from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 organized by Codissia and arranged the display of R&D technologies developed by the Board. The technology of Fibre Magic treatment for quality improvement of coir fibre was demonstrated to visitors on the occasion.

- Director, R.D.T.E. has deputed to participate in the “Workshop on Natural Fibres” conducted by NID, Ahmedabad. He had attended the inaugural session of the Seminar. Shri. Pradyumna Vyas, Director, NID has delivered the welcome address, Inaugural address by the Chief Guest, Ms. Zohra Chatterji, Secretary, Ministry of MSME. After the inaugural function he had made a presentation on “Coir Fibre Extraction, Processing and Product Development”. He had also attended the panel discussion on “Challenges and Opportunities in Natural Fibre Usage”. The aim of the workshop is of forging partnership of complementary institute and industry for collaborative R&D in various fibre sectors. CCRI is become a complementary partner in Sub-Group on Coir/Water Hyacinth Fibre.
- A team of Officers Trainees from Institute of Secretariat Training & Management, New Delhi had visited Coir Board Complex on 21.07.2014. A presentation of the activities/Technologies of CCRI made before the team. They have visited all the departments including Museum.
- Director, R.D.T.E.(i/c) & SSO(Microbiology) has deputed to attend the meeting convened by Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation(KSIDC), Govt. of Kerala on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The meeting aimed to provide a link between the research institutes and industry in Kerala for implementation of technologies. The meeting was chaired by Smt. Aruna Sundararajan, IAS, ACS & MD, KSIDC. The technologies developed by CCRI/CICT before the audience at the meeting.

## II. TRAINING

A total number of 1301 women workers were trained in spinning of coir yarn and manufacture of value added products. Besides, 13 Exposure Tours were also organized in the major coir producing centres. A total number of 9 entrepreneurs were assisted under DPI Scheme. The details of SC/ST/OBC artisans trained during the month are given below:-

	<i>Non NER</i>	<i>NER</i>
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SC Artisans	202	145
ST Artisans	---	70
OBC	316	121

### III. DOMESTIC MARKETING

Coir Board successfully participated in the following Exhibitions during the reporting period its showrooms.

Sl.no.	Name of the Exhibitions	Place
1	Folk Fair- 2014	Puri
2	Madurai Agricultural Fair	Madurai
3	India International Consumer Fair	Bengaluru
4	8 <sup>th</sup> Rainbow Shopping Festival	Panache Arcade, Hyderabad

- Review meeting of the R&D collaborative projects and Steering Committee meeting of SFURTI was convened by Chairman, Coir Board on 18.06.2014 at Coir Board, Kochi.
- Last meeting of the present Board was held on 23.06.2014 at New Delhi.
- Prof. G. Balanchandran, Chairman Coir Board relinquished the charge on 26.06.2014 and Shri. Surendranath Tripathi, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME assumed charge of Chairman, Coir Board on 27.06.2014.

### IV. VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF COIR BOARD

As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Coir Board the Postal; Department has released Special Cover with Special Cancellation. Shri. N.R. Giri, Senior Supdt. of Post Office released the cover in a function held at Coir Board Head Office on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Shri. P. Rajeev, M P received the special cover.

The details of Coir and Coir products exported during May 2014 are enclosed.  
The Hindi version of the material will be sent separately.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

**संयुक्त निदेशक (योजना) JOINT DIRECTOR (Plg.)**

Chairman, Coir Board, (Camp at Delhi) – for kind concurrence please.

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This is issued with the approval of Secretary, Coir Board dated 03.07.2014